

ALBERTA FACTS '87



Alberta

TREASURY
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THE LAND

	(Square Kilometres)
Land	644,392
Freshwater	16,796
TOTAL AREA	661,188

Climate

The province is characterized by considerable variation in temperature between areas and seasons and is moderated significantly by low humidity.

THE PEOPLE

Population — April (est.)

	1977	1987
Alberta	1,900,200	2,378,100
Alberta Population (%) of Canada ..	8.2	9.2
Population Per Square Kilometre ..	3.0	3.7

Population by Selected Age Groups — April, 1987 (est.)

Age	Males	Females	Total
0 - 14	292,100	277,600	569,700
15 - 24	193,400	193,200	386,600
25 - 34	248,200	242,300	490,500
35 - 44	174,300	166,600	340,900
45 - 54	110,500	105,200	215,600
55 - 64	88,000	87,600	175,700
65 +	87,500	111,600	199,100
TOTAL	1,194,100	1,184,000	2,378,100

Vital Statistics

	1976	1986
Births	33,063	44,010
Deaths	11,584	13,690
Marriages	17,752	20,430

Population of Alberta Cities — June

	1976	1986
Airdrie	1,408	10,390
Calgary (Proper)	469,917	636,104
Camrose	10,104	12,968
Drumheller	6,154	6,366
Edmonton (Proper)	461,361	573,982
Fort McMurray	15,424	34,949
Fort Saskatchewan	8,304	11,983
Grande Prairie	17,626	26,471
Leduc	8,576	13,126
Lethbridge	46,752	58,841
Lloydminster (Alta. Portion)	5,811	10,201
Medicine Hat	32,818	41,804
Red Deer	32,184	54,425
St. Albert	24,129	36,710
Spruce Grove	6,907	11,918
Wetaskiwin	6,754	10,071

Municipalities by Type — 1987

	No.
Cities	16
Towns	108
Villages	122
Summer Villages	50
Counties	30
Municipal Districts	20
Improvement Districts	19
Special Areas	3

THE GOVERNMENT

Lieutenant-Governor: Honourable Helen Hunley
Premier: Honourable Don R. Getty

Alberta became a province in 1905. The Alberta provincial legislature has 83 members. The present government is Progressive Conservative. Standings according to parties:

Progressive Conservative	61
New Democrat (Official Opposition)	16
Liberal	4
Representative	2
TOTAL	83

Government Finance

	1987/88 (est.) (\$ Millions)
Budgetary Revenue	8,627.0
Budgetary Expenditure	10,416.1
Budgetary Deficit	1,789.1

THE ECONOMY

Gross Domestic Product

	1975	1985
	(\$ Millions)	(\$ Millions)
At Market Prices	18,656	62,009
Constant (1971) Dollars	10,193	14,440

Gross Domestic Product by Industry (At Factor Cost)

	1975	1985
	(\$ Millions)	(\$ Millions)
Agriculture*	1,134	2,196
Mining	3,539	16,767
Manufacturing	1,363	3,947
Construction	1,464	3,138
Transportation	1,195	4,057
Utilities	374	2,151
Trade	1,650	5,039
Finance	2,745	13,116
Community, Business & Personal Services	2,446	8,602
Public Administration	973	3,303
TOTAL	16,883	62,316

*Includes Forestry, Fishing & Trapping.

Labour Force*

	1976	1986
Total Labour Force (' 000)	873	1,271
Employed (' 000)	838	1,146
Unemployed (' 000)	35	125
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	9.8
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	72.1
Employment Population Ratio (%)	64.3	65.0

*Averages based on unrounded monthly estimates.

Personal Income

	1975	1985
Personal Income (\$ Millions)		
Alberta	11,015	38,762
Canada	136,205	392,406
Per Capita Personal Income (\$)		
Alberta	6,195	16,445
Canada	6,001	15,473

Retail Trade

	1976	1986
Retail Trade (\$ Millions)		
Alberta	5,289.7	14,338.4
Canada	57,127.6	140,009.3
Per Capita Retail Trade (\$)		
Alberta	2,878	6,001
Canada	2,485	5,471

Value of Manufacturing Shipments by Industry

	1976	1986*
	(\$ Millions)	(\$ Millions)
Food & Beverages	1,714.9	3,827.5
Furniture & Fixtures	55.3	103.2
Wood	295.7	574.6
Paper & Allied	197.4	455.4
Printing, Publishing & Allied	162.9	647.7
Primary Metal	270.0	643.0
Fabricated Metal Products	321.1	713.4
Machinery	150.0	560.9
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	299.0	566.7
Petroleum & Coal Products	913.6	4,514.2
Chemical & Chemical Products	312.1	2,009.1
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	36.8	143.7
TOTAL	5,208.2	15,473.1
Edmonton (Metro)	2,354.9	8,097.1
Calgary	1,367.3	3,561.4

*Industry groups do not sum to total due to confidentiality.

Private and Public Investment — Intentions

	1987
	(\$ Millions)
Primary & Construction Industries	5,749.8
Manufacturing	982.8
Transp., Comm. & Utilities	2,643.1
Trade, Finance & Commercial Services	2,365.1
Housing	1,716.8
Institutions & Government Departments	2,633.6
TOTAL	16,091.2
Alberta Investment (%) of Canada, 1987	12.7
Per Capita Investment (\$) — 1986* (actual)	
Alberta	6,755.5
Canada	4,778.0

Value of Construction Work Purchased — Intentions

	1987
	(\$ Millions)
Building Construction	
Residential	1,716.8
Industrial	231.3
Commercial	1,500.7
Institutional	489.3
Other Building	272.4
TOTAL	4,210.5
Engineering Construction	
Road, Highway & Aerodrome	879.8
Waterworks & Sewage	352.3
Electric Power Construction	297.9
Railway, Telephone & Telegraph	375.2
Gas & Oil Facilities	3,553.7
Dams, Irrigation & Marine	140.0
Other Engineering	300.9
TOTAL	5,899.7
TOTAL ALL CONSTRUCTION	10,110.2

Value of Building Permits

	1976 (\$ Thousands)	1986 (\$ Thousands)
Airdrie	3,635	4,859
Calgary	447,817	569,613
Camrose	17,386	5,239
Drumheller	5,574	2,668
Edmonton (Proper)	482,711	530,819
Fort McMurray	87,786	9,436
Fort Saskatchewan	16,794	41,726
Grande Prairie	15,976	24,535
Leduc	22,639	6,006
Lethbridge	60,244	42,632
Lloydminster*	14,252	37,031
Medicine Hat	46,700	26,602
Red Deer	59,680	43,445
St. Albert	27,928	26,109
Spruce Grove	10,667	4,438
Wetaskiwin	10,168	8,062
TOTAL 16 CITIES	1,329,957	1,383,220
TOTAL ALBERTA	1,831,106	1,840,743

*Includes Alberta and Saskatchewan portions.

Farm Cash Receipts

	1976 (\$ Millions)	1986 ^a (\$ Millions)
Total Crops	917.7	1,726.9
Total Livestock & Products	928.2	1,764.3
Cattle & Calves	637.9	1,103.0
Hogs	111.3	271.6
Sheep & Lambs	4.2	6.7
Dairy Products	92.7	223.8
Poultry	41.0	85.5
Eggs	25.3	46.8
Other Livestock & Products	15.8	26.9
Other	63.9	267.7
TOTAL	1,909.8	3,758.9

Value of Mineral Production — 1986^a

	(\$ Millions)	(%)
Petroleum Crude	7,970.2	45.6
Natural Gas	6,106.4	35.0
Natural Gas By-Products	1,762.2	10.1
Coal	438.0	2.5
Sulphur (Elemental)	874.2	5.0
Sand & Gravel	108.0	0.6
Cement	125.0	0.7
Other	78.9	0.5
TOTAL	17,462.7	100.0

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Health Care Institutions — March, 1986

	No.
Public General Hospitals	123
Federal General Hospitals	2
Mental Health Hospitals	2
Auxiliary Hospitals	44
Nursing Homes	87

Educational Institutions — 1985/86

	No.	Full-Time Enrolment
Public & Separate Schools (Grades 1 - 12)	1,585	421,362
Public Colleges	11	17,490
Technical Institutes	3	11,302
Universities	5	52,845
Vocational Centres	4	17,369
Specialized Schools	2	2,171
Private Colleges	4	1,487
Hospital Based Schools of Nursing	6	1,562

Education Diplomas/Degrees By Level 1985/86

	No.
Secondary School Graduates	23,048
Community College Graduates	8,260
Bachelor's & First Professional Degrees	7,937
Master's Degrees	1,036
Post Graduate Diplomas & Certificates	335
Earned Doctorates	216

COMMUNICATION

	No.
Telephone Subscriber Lines in Service, 1987	1,210,052
T.V. Broadcasting Stations, 1987	127
A.M. & F.M. Radio Broadcasting Stations, 1987	153
Daily Newspapers, 1987	9
Weekly Newspapers, 1987	127

TRANSPORTATION

Railways — 1987

	Trackage (Kilometres)
Canadian Pacific Railway	4,608.7
Canadian National Railway	5,527.1
TOTAL	10,135.8

Major Airlines

Served by Canadian Airlines International, Air Canada, Wardair, Time Air, Northwest Airlines, Delta Airlines, America West, United Airlines, and Northwest Territorial Airways. These airlines serve major Alberta cities, providing regularly scheduled flights to points in Canada, United States, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Highways and Roads — March, 1987

	(Kilometres)
Paved	18,551
Oil Treated	9,350
Gravelled	106,043
Graded	18,451
TOTAL	152,395

Motor Vehicle Registrations — March, 1987

	No.
Passenger Vehicles	1,306,382
Commercial Vehicles	386,035
Trailers	320,438
Motorcycles	42,762
Buses	6,048
Off-highway Vehicles	40,496
Other Vehicles	12,875
TOTAL	2,115,036

TOURISM

Tourism Receipts (est.)

	1976 (\$ Millions)	1986 (\$ Millions)
Alberta Residents	465.0	1,073.9
Other Canadians	176.9	821.7
U.S. Residents	97.8	287.1
Overseas Travellers	27.3	93.9
TOTAL	767.0	2,276.6

Passenger Counts for National Parks — 1986

	No.
Banff (East Gate)	4,244,181
Banff (David Thompson)	218,398
Elk Island	343,637
Jasper	2,222,641
Waterton Lakes	583,165
TOTAL	7,612,022

Parks by Type — 1987

	Area (Hectares)	No.
National Parks		
Banff	664,089	
Elk Island	19,430	
Jasper	1,087,815	
Waterton Lake	52,581	
Wood Buffalo*	4,480,761	
TOTAL	6,304,676	5
Provincial Parks	125,418	61
Wilderness Areas**	560,660	4
Natural Areas	31,806	101

*Includes land area in N.W.T.

**Includes Willmore Wilderness Park

NOTE: Numbers in brochure may not add due to rounding.

P - Preliminary est. - Estimate

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